

Native American Coordinators

The District Native American Coordinator (DNAC) is the designated source of information regarding the involvement of Native Americans in the District's cultural resources studies. The DNAC ensures that consultation with Native Americans regarding cultural resources occurs early in a project's planning stage, and continuously throughout the life of a project, and ensures that documentation of contacts and consultation for cultural resources is included in compliance and environmental documents. Under the general direction of the District Environmental Branch Chief (DEBC), the DNAC acts as liaison between the DEB and Native American tribes, groups and individuals, provides specialized technical assistance on Native American consultation to the District's staff, consultants, and contractors, and coordinates with Transportation Planning and Civil Rights Native American Liaisons on issues of mutual concern.

The DNAC either performs themselves, or provides assistance and advice to other staff in conducting, the following activities:

- Consulting with Federally recognized Indian tribes and unrecognized Indian groups and individuals on a project-by-project basis for all phases of cultural resources studies.
- Consulting with Native Americans who are likely to have knowledge of, or concerns with, cultural resources, such as gathering places, within Caltrans right-of-way.
- Facilitating meetings and discussions between Caltrans staff and Native American representatives.
- Develops agreements with Native American representatives.
- Coordination with other Caltrans programs including Maintenance, Right-of-Way and Design to address areas of Native American concerns.
- Maintenance of files of all correspondence and documentation of coordination and consultation for projects.
- Provides a summary, when necessary, of consultation for inclusion in cultural resource reports and environmental documents.
- Provides and maintains guidance on District Native American issues, including but not limited to:

- (1) Maintaining a library on laws, regulations, guidance, and other such information pertinent to consultation with Native Americans and ensuring that the library is accessible to District staff.
- (2) Disseminating policy, procedures, and information on Native American issues to district cultural resources staff and Division Environmental Branch Chiefs.

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